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## Field Crops

Opening of bolls has occurred on 82 percent of the cotton acreage, below last year's 89 percent, and behind the five-year average of 85 percent. Harvesting is underway at 17 percent complete, same as last year at 17 percent, but ahead of the five-year average of 10 percent. Cotton conditions are mostly good to excellent. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions range from poor to excellent, depending on location. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly very poor to fair, depending on location and elevation.

## Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped miscellaneous melons this week.

### Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	-	18	44	28	10
Cotton	-	1	18	52	29
Range and Pasture	46	21	22	9	2

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	82	75	89	85
• Harvesting	17	15	17	10

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending September 20, ranging from 3 degrees below normal at Roll to 6 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 106 degrees at Roll and the lowest reading of 32 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon.

Precipitation was reported at 10 of the 22 stations. Willcox received the most at 0.50 inches of precipitation. Flagstaff and Paloma received the least with 0.02 inches. Yuma is the only reporting station with above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
September 13, 2009 - September 20, 2009								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	79	-2	97	57	0.00	3.70	-3.51	51
Buckeye	85	0	103	64	0.00	2.30	-2.79	45
Canyon De Chelly	64	-2	83	41	0.05	3.87	-2.82	58
Coolidge	80	-2	101	54	0.00	2.92	-2.25	56
Douglas	74	2	91	53	0.08	4.85	-5.34	48
Flagstaff	57	0	74	36	0.02	7.63	-8.61	47
Grand Canyon	58	6	79	32	0.19	7.73	-7.03	52
Kingman	76	3	94	57	0.04	4.26	-2.92	59
Marana	84	4	100	66	0.00	4.35	-3.57	55
Maricopa	83	0	101	61	0.00	3.38	-1.57	68
Paloma	84	-2	104	62	0.02	1.58	-3.15	33
Parker	83	-2	105	62	0.00	1.03	-1.90	35
Payson	68	2	84	48	0.00	9.26	-6.39	59
Phoenix	89	5	102	75	0.00	2.80	-2.29	55
Prescott	69	5	84	50	0.00	5.94	-8.88	40
Roll	84	-3	106	62	0.00	0.82	-1.27	39
Safford	76	2	94	55	0.20	3.62	-3.14	54
St. Johns	65	-1	84	43	0.11	3.09	-5.42	36
Tucson	83	3	96	66	0.00	5.42	-3.28	62
Willcox	74	4	92	55	0.50	9.36	-0.10	99
Winslow	68	-1	86	47	0.16	2.33	-3.27	42
Yuma	89	3	105	74	0.00	2.40	0.31	115
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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